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SUBJECT: INFO ON SOPEX BELGE

REF: STATE 25921

1. SOPEX (NOT SUPEX) IS GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND COMMERCIAL AGENCY WITH OFFICES AT ST. KATELIJNEVEST 54, ANTWERP. FIRM ENGAGED IN GENERAL CONTRACTING OF "TURN KEY" PLANTS, MOSTLY ABROAD, IN FOOD, CHEMICAL, CEMENT, AND PARTICULARLY SUGAR INDUSTRIES. IN LATTER CASE, IT REPRESENTS UNION DES CONSTRUCTEURS BELGES DE MATERIELS DE SUCRERIES (UCMAS), A COOPERATIVE WHICH GROUPS SOPEX WITH SEVERAL LARGE BELGIAN EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND ENGINEERING FIRMS IN BIDDING FOR OVERSEAS PROJECTS. BIDS ARE CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PROVIDE MARGIN FOR OPERATING COSTS OF UCMAS.

2. SOPEX ITSELF ESTABLISHED IN 1946. EMPLOYS: 22. PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS: SOCIETE POUR L' EXPORTATION DES SUCRES N.V. (SISTER COMPANY, SAME ADDRESS), 4,864 SHARES; RAFFINERIE TIRLEMONTTOISE, 4,211 SHARES; BARON KRONACKER, 332 SHARES; COUNTESS GUY DE MAILLE DE LA TOUR LANDRY, 267 SHARES; MADELEINE KRONACKER, 267 SHARES. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL: BF 10,000,000; NET WORTH; BF 23,193,800; SALES VOLUME: APPROX. 200,000,000 BF IN ADDITION TO ACTIVITIES ALREADY MENTIONED, FIRM ALSO TRADES IN POTASH, IRON, AND METALS.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING TO BIC/MEPD D AND B REPORT ON SOPEX PLUS EXTRACT FROM 1973 EDITION OF "BELGIAN ENGINEERING ABROAD" WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON COMPANY.

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